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MC Inge Dijkhoff, Ricky De Peralta and vocalist Angela Croes

PALM BEACH -- Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach hosted an evening of entertainment and traditional Filipino food organized by the United Filipino Community of Aruba (UFILCOA) this past Sunday, December 8, from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. Its purpose was to raise relief funds for the nearly one million Filipinos left homeless by Typhoon Haiyan last month.

UFILCOA recruited a fan-

tastic line up of Filipino and local singers and bands for a concert called "Hope & Resilience." Funds raised are going to the Red Cross of the Philippines, but UFILCOA President Ricky De Peralta is working closely with the relief organization to see that they are earmarked for the rebuilding of the communities leveled by the storm. 20% of the monies collected will go directly to families of Fil-

ipinos living on Aruba who have been affected by the storm.

Aside from a spectacular line up of entertainment, the local Filipino community donated huge quantities of native dishes for sale during the event, which proved immensely popular. "I am overwhelmed and so encouraged by the response to the event," commented Ricky de Peralta. "We collected almost 8,000 Aruban florins from food sales alone. I also want to thank the Royal Dutch Marines for their very generous donation of 2,500 florins, and in particular, the immediate and heartfelt response from all the entertainers who readily agreed, without hesitation, to donate their time and talent. They put on a wonderful show, and it was so diverse, it had appeal for every group, Arubans, and tourists from North and South America, who joined us and contributed to this worthy cause. A great thanks goes to Paseo Herencia Mall management and their unstinting support."

The singers and bands that provided a full evening of entertainment were Ramphys Tromp, Angela Croes, Ester Do Nascimento, Tico Croes, Fred De Jong, The Unplugged Band, Jaja Preche, Gavin Eufemia, Romeo Kilayko, Maïta & Filipino Choir.

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## Mandela funeral: The 'world is coming'



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South Africa struggled Monday to meet the unprecedented logistical challenge of hosting close to 100 world leaders flying in from every corner of the globe for the state funeral of freedom icon Nelson Mandela.

"The world literally is coming to South Africa," said the government's head of public diplomacy, Clayson Monyela.

"I don't think it has ever happened before," Monyela said of the wave of 91 leaders, including US President Barack Obama, bearing down on the country.

Many will join the 80,000 people expected to cram Tuesday into the FNB stadium in Soweto to take part in a grand memorial service

for their inspirational first black president.

Reflecting the depth and breadth of Mandela's popularity, the event will see political foes Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro share the same stage in paying tribute to one of the towering political figures of the 20th century.

South African President Jacob Zuma will make the keynote address, and other speakers will include UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon and Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

Four of Mandela's adored grandchildren will speak for his family, while neither his widow, Graca Machel, nor his ex-wife Winne Madikizela-Mandela are listed on the programme.

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Mr. De Peralta reports that their effort went well beyond expectations. "At best, we hoped to raise around 10,000 Aruban florins," he reports. "The final count was just under 18,400. Words cannot express how overjoyed I am at the community's response. They really came together for the unfortunate victims of Typhoon Haiyan. At the end of the evening, many of the

local Filipino community, even though not originally part of the organization of the event, stayed late to help us break down and pack up. Those that attended became completely caught up in its purpose, and it was such a wonderful outpouring of caring and goodwill, on the part of our entertainers, organizers, and those attending. It was the kind of evening that



truly reinforces one's faith in people, and we are so grateful to all involved."

UFILCOA is still collecting funds and arranging the transfer, so donations can still be made by calling Ricky de Peralta at 592-7772. The Honorary Consul to the Philippines, Ami Henriquez Mendez, has also organized two bank accounts for donating funds under the name of "Aruba Helps the Philippines." They are Caribbean Mercantile Bank if 60558205 and Banco di Caribe 822-73501.

By Rosalie Klein

## Police appealing to motorists to pay better attention

ORANJESTAD -- According to Police spokesman Lito Lacle, it is time we move more carefully, slowly in the traffic, we have noted more unnecessary accidents of late." Last weekend there were several serious accidents of heavy material damage and or victims with serious lesions.

The main reason for these accidents, reportedly, is driving under the influence of alcohol, driving at high speeds and the lack of giving the right of way. It is exactly these types of cases that can be avoided by being more responsible and paying better attention to the traffic.

The police laments the loss of the life of a young person during the past weekend.

The loss of a loved one during these festive days is simply devastating to families. Hence, the police spokesman makes a dramatic appeal to all motorists to be more conscientious, more responsible and pay better attention while in traffic. There are more vehicles on our roads these days, hence less space to maneuver at high speeds.

The role of the police is to act preventively; reason for more presence of police on our roads, using motor bikes, helicopter control, bicycles and a fleet of control autos. These are all in an effort to prevent accidents from happening. But it remains the chauffeur's responsibility to drive carefully and responsibly at all times.

## As of January 1st Task Force will take care of al schools

ORANJESTAD -- One of the areas needing attention as perceived by the Minister of Education is our Task Force. There is much work to be done and this department is the first called to take care of much of the work.

Currently, the Task Force takes care of small maintenance jobs for all public schools. Depending on the amount of work, they may also assist other schools as well. As of January 1st 2014, this will change. The Task Force will begin a new era, they will be much better structured with clear processes for all to understand.

"...we will begin with small and easy changes to be implemented. One of the big effects will be in changing the local environment in our schools. We will introduce a follow up system to ensure that the work is carried out as accorded." In the upcoming weeks they will explain in detail how all schools will be assisted and how the Task Force will begin to function.

The goal is to ensure that our schools be kept clean and safe and a pleasant place for our children and teachers, according to Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, Minister of Education.



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## P.M. Eman meets with Shell regarding LNG project

DEN HAAG/ORANJESTAD -- An important visit by the Aruba Prime Minister during a recent trip to The Netherlands was with the Shell company. Following the meeting, the Prime Minister reported that they explored the possibility for establishing an LNG (liquefied natural gas) transshipment on Aruba for own use and as a hub of LNG for the Caribbean region.

During the Europe Meets The Americas' conference, the government signed an MOU with Shell to evaluate the possibility for establishing said transshipment and hub for LNG, both for Aruba and for the region.

According to Eman, the possibility exists for the establishment of a way to store a great amount of LNG. This can be either in tankers that can moor at the Valero piers or a tank on the ground. Studies are being made to determine the best alternatives. Aruba, in any case can become the hub for LNG thru the Caribbean region.

LGN will help reduce the cost of fuel oil. LNG is much cleaner and has a low CO<sub>2</sub> emission when producing electricity. It is a good source of alternative energy. It can be used as a transition for going completely green. This, according to Eman, will create the reduction in the price of energy and water production in the future.

This project will take some time to be realized. All details must be carefully studied to explore its factibility. The fact that renown companies such as Gasunie, Shell and Anthony Veder are involved reflects the seriousness of the potential that exist for Aruba. Such a project will have a major positive effect on our economy.

According to Eman, Shell will be sending the government of Aruba a contract concept to be studied by local experts. By next year they hope to be able to sign an agreement. The project, according to Eman is in its preliminary stage, but it is a viable project.

## Aruba Lions Club donates special bed to Casa Cuna



ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Lions Club makes donations to various organizations every year. These donations may be in the form of cash or necessary articles. Just recently they presented the Casa Cuna three special beds. Quillin Maduro gladly received the beds from members of the Aruba Lions Club.

According to a club member, "...this is the type of donations we make on a regular basis with the funds we generate primarily from the raffle of a house. The 57th house raffle is set to take

place on February 14th, 2014. They have an agreement with Cas Bon N.V. for the construction of a new house in Amistad #20. This house is in a new residential area situated in Paradera. The raffle is Fls.25 per ticket. What's more, this year the utility companies have united

with Lions to offer the winner of the house a one year electricity completely free, also water, telephone and Cable TV.

From the funds that the Club receives they purchase special hospital beds and wheel chairs that they loan to those in need. The three beds donated to Casa Cuna are needed for children who stay at the home.

Lions Club International represents over 1.4 million members divided over more than 46 thousand clubs around the world in 205 countries and geographic areas. The Aruba Lions Club exists for 65 years and is well known on our island for their active involvement in community projects. They have 63 members who resort under the E1 district.



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## Lasana Sekou to Prime Minister Wescot-Wiliams, President Hanson: denounce Dominican Rep. "racist" law against its Black citizens

GREAT BAY/MARIGOT, St. Martin — St. Martin author Lasana M. Sekou has called on Prime Minister Sarah Wescot-Wiliams and President Aline Hanson, to "officially and publicly condemn the Dominican Republic Constitutional Court decision of September 13, 2013 (Sentencia TC/0168/13), which threatens to strip the citizenship status from at least a quarter of a million of its citizens, leaving them stateless based on the color of their skin—as Black men, women, and children—and their heritage origins."

In the letter of November 22 to the government leader in both capitals of St. Martin, Sekou wrote that the "Court judgment is racist and will lead to gross human rights violation in the Dominican Republic (DR) against the affected citizens: theft of their property, destruction of homes, loss of jobs, small business ownerships and bank accounts with the life savings of families, denial of educational opportunities, and the perpetuation of a range of violence, including rape, abuse of children, the elderly and the sick, police brutality, military detention, and the mass murder that historically stems from such abhorrent laws—genocide."

According to Sekou, the tribunal sentence has absolutely nothing to do with immigration and much more with ethnic cleansing. "The racist ruling will invariably affect DR citizens of St. Martin heritage that have been



part of Dominican society, certainly since 1929, and thought to number at least 40,000 people," wrote Sekou. The Court ruling has a retroactive feature from 1929.

Mostly DR citizens of Haitian origin are among those affected by the ruling, which, wrote Sekou, "is not acceptable to any civilized nation that abides by established norms of the international community and the principles and practices of humanity."

Prime Minister Wescot-Wiliams and President Hanson "must condemn this infection of apartheid in the Caribbean," wrote Sekou, and "take a leadership role in the solidarity call for immediate, practical, and just corrective measures to be taken in the Dominican Republic."

Sekou wrote that objection to the "racist ruling" should also be made in regional and international fora "where the adjusted autonomy" of 2010 and 2007 allows both St. Martin territories to do so.

The Southern and Northern parts of St. Martin are territories of the Netherlands and France respectively. Wescot-Wiliams is the prime minister in the Dutch territory and Hanson is the president of the French territory. Sekou is an advocate for the Independence and eventual unification of St. Martin.

Considered one of the prolific Caribbean poets of his generation, Sekou said that "the designated channels of communication" that allow the governments in Philipsburg and Marigot "to request and if necessary to demand that the Netherlands and France denounce the racist ruling ... must also be promptly employed." He noted that calls for the boycott of DR trade goods and tourism are already being sounded.

Sekou said this week that "the early, clear and strong statements to the DR president and government by the prime minister of St. Vincent and The Grenadines and protesting groups in Trinidad

and Puerto Rico among other places are admirable. Their positions represent the best of a history of solidarity and victory over oppression among Caribbean peoples and support for oppressed peoples in the region and around the world."

He also said that the support for the ruling among significant sectors of DR society, including Cardinal Nicolás de Jesús López Rodríguez, has not deterred or stopped the growing concerns, findings, and mounting protests by other government leaders, regional and international bodies such as CARICOM, OCHR, UNHCR, Amnesty, OECS, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, human rights groups such as Reconocido, and individuals inside and

outside of the Dominican Republic. Former DR president Hipolito Mejía recently called the ruling "a shame."

Concluding his letter to Prime Minister Wescot-Wiliams and President Hanson, Sekou quoted Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent & The Grenadines in his letter to President Danilo Medina of the Dominican Republic -- against the September 13 decision: "The fig-leaf of sovereignty cannot be invoked when time-honoured and universal principles of citizenship and human decency are trampled upon."

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The honorees were Mrs. Christine Smith and Mr. Ed-

ward Acunto from Lincolnville Maine. The honorees are loyal members of the Paradise Beach Villas and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and being on Aruba and staying at the Paradise is like being home for them. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Milca Erasmus representing the Paradise Beach Villas.

## Ray Mikell honored by ATA at the Brickell Bay



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice Gentleman who is a loyal and friendly Visitor of Aruba, as Ambassador of Goodwill, at the Brickell bay Beach Club & Spa. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years.

The honoree was Mr. Ray Mikell from Rahway NJ. Ray fell in love with Aruba since

the first time she visit the Island, and he also loves the friendly people of Aruba, the Brickell Bay, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to him. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ray's girlfriend Ms. Karen and staff members and management of the Brickell Bay Beach Club & Spa.

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The honorees were the Tansey family from New Jersey, Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Lauren Tansey and Mr. Brain Tansy. The Tansey family are loyal guests of the Marriott Resort and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home, the employees at the Marriott are like a family to them most specially Verna Dijkhoff and the Resort is their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Verna Dijkhoff representing the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino.



# Mandela's funeral...

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The memorial service, in the venue where Mandela made his last major public appearance for the 2010 World Cup final, is seen as a final chance for grieving South Africans to unite in a mass celebration of his life ahead of the more formal state funeral.

Some 120,000 people will be able to watch the event on giant screens set up in three overflow stadiums in Johannesburg.

**'You are never prepared enough'**

Although Mandela had been critically ill for months, the announcement of his death on Thursday night still rocked a country that had looked to his unassailable moral authority as a comforting constant in a time of uncertain social and economic change.

"I don't think you are ever prepared enough," said Zelda la Grange, who was Mandela's long-time personal assistant both during and after his presidency.

"We had prepared ourselves emotionally but still we are overcome by this feeling of loss and sadness," La Grange said.

Ahead of the burial, Mandela's body will lie in state for three days from Wednesday in the amphitheatre of the Union Buildings in Pretoria where he was sworn in as president in 1994.

Each morning, his coffin will be borne through the streets of the capital in a funeral cortege, to give as many people as possible the chance to pay their final respects.

Africa will be represented at the funeral by Nigeria's Goodluck Jonathan and more than a dozen other heads of state and government.

Notable absentees include Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who cited high travel and security costs, and Mandela's fellow Nobel peace laureate, the Dalai Lama, who since 2009 has twice been denied a visa for South Africa.

Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey and singer-activist Bono, as well as British billionaire Richard Branson and musician Peter Gabriel were expected to be among the celebrity mourners.

**Security ramped up** - South African security forces had only days to implement a rough plan for Nelson Mandela's grand funeral, based partly on blueprints of past major events like the 2010 World Cup final.

Mandela's death still posed a major organisational challenge as a small army of world leaders, dignitaries and celebrities asked to attend the state send-off.

Security preparations which would normally take months for the likes of US President Barack Obama had to be compressed into a few days.

And as well as foreign VIPs, there was also the question of hundreds of thousands of South Africans who wanted an opportunity to say a final farewell to the man who led them out of the apartheid era.

In terms of crowd control, the security authorities have largely relied on the experience they gained during the World Cup nearly four years ago.

Around 80,000 people will attend a memorial service Tuesday at the Soweto stadium that hosted the 2010 final.

After that, Mandela's body will lie in state for three days in Pretoria before being taken for burial Sunday in his rural boyhood home of Qunu.

Areas around all three venues will be subjected to different levels of security lockdown, with flight restrictions in force around Mthatha, the nearest airport to Qunu.

Many of the more than 90 world leaders attending the various events will bring their own security teams, said

Solomon Makgale, spokesman for the National Joint Operational Centre (Natjoints), which coordinates between the police, military and intelligence agencies.

Security forces' leave has been cancelled until after Sunday's burial, and around 11,000 soldiers have been deployed to back up police operations.



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## The widow who made a 'decent man' of Mandela

JOHANNESBURG (AFP)

- Nelson Mandela's widow Graca Machel, who barely left her husband's bedside in the final six months of his life, has hardly been seen in the wake of his death.

Machel maintained a near round-the-clock bedside vigil during the 84 days Mandela spent in a Pretoria hospital and the subsequent three months he spent at home before he died on December 5.

The Mozambican human rights campaigner had begun cancelling all but a handful of public engagements from June as Mandela's condition deteriorated.

One of her rare public appearances came a month ago, when she was spotted at the premiere of the movie "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom" tracing her husband's journey from prisoner to president.

The Sunday Times newspaper said Machel had been with Mandela when he died, along with the anti-apartheid icon's ex-wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

Machel was Mandela's third wife, and he was her second presidential husband. She was the widow of Mozambican president Samora Machel who died in a plane crash in 1986.

She was 27 years younger than Mandela when they married on his 80th birthday in 1998.

"We make sure we spend time with each other because we were so lonely before," she told Mandela's authorised biographer after the marriage.

Mandela had been divorced from Winnie -- his second wife -- for two years when he re-married.

"When I am alone, I am very weak," he said when discussing Machel in 2007.

The couple marked their



(FILES) Mandela with wife Machel

15th wedding anniversary on July 18 as Mandela lay critically ill in hospital.

Machel met Mandela shortly after his release from prison in 1990.

The 27 years he spent behind bars had strained his marriage with Winnie and they became estranged, separating in 1992 before finally divorcing four years later.

**Making an honest man of him**

"It wasn't love at first sight," Machel said of her first encounters with Mandela.

"For me things don't happen like that. For me falling in love is like a spark connecting two people. With Samora, I was with him for some time and only later did I feel the spark. It was the same with Nelson."

They were spotted at several events holding hands -- even stealing a kiss at Robert Mugabe's wedding -- and eventually the presidency declared Machel was officially Mandela's companion.

At their wedding, Mandela's fellow Nobel peace laureate, archbishop Desmond Tutu, joked that Machel had made a "decent man" out of

her new husband.

Tutu would later say that South Africans owed Machel a "tremendous debt of gratitude" for the joy she brought Mandela in the latter stages of his life.

"We want to say to Graca, thank you for giving Madiba a happy ending," the archbishop told a memorial service for Mandela in Johannesburg on Monday.

A formidable political operator in her own right and a renowned rights campaigner, Machel took time to win over South Africans sceptical about the outsider who had won the heart of their adored Madiba.

Her initial relations with Mandela's ex-wife were extremely frosty, with Winnie mocking her as the president's "concubine."

But just as Winnie and Mandela reconciled towards the end of his life, so his illness helped forge a bond between the two women.

As Mandela grew frailer, Machel managed to stay above the ugly feuding that broke out between his various family factions.

She never took Mandela's name and declined to describe him in the same reverential terms as the rest of the world, insisting he was "just a human being who is simple and gentle."

Born in Mozambique's Gaza province to a humble rural family, she was the youngest of six children.

She won a Methodist church scholarship to study at Lisbon University where she cut her teeth in political activism against Portuguese colonialism.

Machel joined the liberation war movement Frelimo and received military training in Tanzania in the 1970s.

She later became education minister in independent Mozambique.





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## New American Airlines emerges as world's top carrier



WASHINGTON (AFP) - American Airlines and US Airways merged Monday to create the new American Airlines, the world's largest airline, after overcoming concerns that it will hurt competition and raise travelers' costs.

AMR Corporation, the former parent of American Airlines, and US Airways Group announced in a statement they had completed the deal after AMR emerged from bankruptcy protection.

The new American Airlines Group is a goliath, providing nearly 6,700 daily flights to more than 330 destinations in more than 50 countries.

The plan to create a third giant carrier to compete with US rivals United and Delta cleared a major hurdle in November after the Justice Department announced a settlement to resolve antitrust complaints seeking to block the merger.

Under the agreement, AMR and US Airways are giving up slots and other rights at seven key airports to low-cost airlines.

The agreement was joined by six states and Washington,

DC, which also sought to block the merger, saying the new airline would have near-monopoly power in some routes and airports.

The two airlines are abandoning a significant number of slots at two of the busiest airports on the East Coast -- 34 at New York's La Guardia and 104 at Washington's Reagan National.

The new American is committed to maintaining hubs in New York's Kennedy International, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago's O'Hare, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Charlotte for three years.

The companies said Monday there would be no immediate change to their operations. The integration of the two companies to achieve a Single Operating Certificate is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months, they said.

As part of the combination, US Airways will exit Star Alliance on March 30 and will enter the next day the oneworld alliance, joining American with a group of airlines including British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Japan Airlines and Qatar Airways.

## Five dead as Indonesia train collides with fuel tanker

BINTARO (AFP) - A commuter train collided with a fuel tanker in the Indonesian capital Jakarta Monday, killing at least five people and injuring 80 others as a women-only carriage derailed and burst into flames. Both the carriage and tanker flipped on their sides following the crash at a level crossing and caught fire, sending thick plumes of smoke into the air as passengers jumped off the train and fled. The truck accelerated and drove onto the tracks just as the gate was coming down to halt traffic and let the train pass it was reported. The train company estimated that around 600 passengers were on board when it slammed into the truck on the southeastern fringes of Jakarta. A list displayed near the crash site showed more than 80 people had been hospitalised. An AFP correspondent at the scene saw several burns victims being taken away in ambulances.



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## Somali court sentences alleged rape victim, journalists

MOGADISHU (AFP) - A Somali court on Monday sentenced to jail a woman who said she was raped and two journalists who broadcast her story, saying they were guilty of defamation and insulting state institutions.

The 19-year old woman, who is also a journalist, was handed a suspended six-month jail sentence for defamation and lying, during which time she will be confined to her home, said Judge Hashi Elmi Nur.

The journalists are to serve out their sentences, of one year and six months respectively, or pay a fine in order to win early release.

It is the second time this year Somalia has jailed a woman for speaking out about rape and journalists for interviewing her.

Both have the possibility of paying a fine to leave jail, equivalent to around a dollar per day of their sentence, so around 365 dollars (265 euros) for Yusuf, and 180 dollars (130 euros) for Bashir.

Rape, and reporting on sexual assault, is one of the most sensitive topics in Somalia.

The alleged victim last month told the independent Radio Shabelle she was attacked and raped at gunpoint by two fellow journalists.

But it was the journalists who listened to her story who were jailed.

Last month the United Nations in Somalia called for a "proper investigation" into the case, while Washington said it was "deeply concerned".

In February, a Somali journalist and a rape victim he interviewed were both sentenced to a year in prison after being found guilty of "offending state institutions".

They were released two months into their jail term after

the case sparked widespread international criticism.

In August, a Somali woman who alleged she was gang-raped by African Union soldiers was also held by police for questioning.

### At least 11 dead after heavy rains in northeast Brazil

BRASILIA (AFP) - At least 11 people died and six were still missing after torrential rains lashed in Brazil's northeastern Bahia state, a Civil Defense official said Monday. Some 70 homes were completely destroyed and 200 others damaged in the town of Lajedinho during a violent weekend storm, the spokesman told AFP. He added that rescue efforts were still under way. The town hall and many stores were also damaged in Lajedinho, a town of 4,000 people some 355 kilometers (221 miles) from Salvador, Bahia's capital, the G1 news website said. Residents were quoted as saying streets were under two meters (yards) of water.



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## Spanish hospital to trial new HIV treatment

BARCELONA (AFP) - Researchers at a Spanish hospital announced Monday they will start trials next year of a therapeutic vaccine for patients who already have HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

A therapeutic vaccine treats a disease rather than preventing it.

Barcelona's Hospital Clinic said it would conduct the trial as part of a four-year research project being carried out with other centres in Spain, Belgium and The Netherlands.

"The goal is to achieve a functional cure of HIV," said Josep Maria Gatell, director of the Hospital Clinic's infectious disease unit.

More than 30 million people worldwide are infected with HIV, most of them living in developing countries, Gatell said. "Although combined anti-retroviral therapy has proven to be highly effective to pre-

vent clinical progression and death, by itself it is unable to eradicate the infection and other alternative approaches are urgently needed," he added.

The therapeutic vaccine research project has received six million euros (\$8.2 million) in funding from the EU's executive European Commission.

The trial is being conducted on an updated version of a vaccine unveiled by the same research team in January 2013 which was found to temporarily brake growth of the HIV virus in infected patients.

That vaccine was tested on 36 people carrying the virus and was found to be safe for humans.

It led to a dramatic drop in the amount of HIV detected in some patients but it lost its effectiveness after a year, when the patients had to return to their regular combination therapy of expensive anti-retroviral drugs.

The vaccine, dubbed VIH-TriMix-ARNm, is based on the patient's own RNA, a nucleic acid in all living cells which conveys genetic information. RNA is also being used to try to develop new treatments against cancer.

Researchers have tested the updated vaccine on animals and the first results will be known during the first half of 2014.

After carrying out toxicity tests on people in 2014, the first phase of clinical trials in humans will begin at the Hospital Clinic in 2015. The aim is to determine the appropriate dose and the vaccine's safety.

If the vaccine passes this phase, researchers will start testing its effectiveness on 40 patients and two control groups of 15 people each in either 2016 or 2017.

## Access by poor to key drugs at stake in TPP talks

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Access to affordable drugs for the world's poor will be hampered if a US plan to impose stricter pharmaceutical patents is adopted at talks on a Pacific trade pact, activists say.

Trade ministers from 12 countries entered a third day of talks in Singapore on Monday in an attempt to meet a US deadline to reach a deal on the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) before the year ends.

The US pharmaceutical industry is pushing for 12 years of "data protection" for a new class of drugs called "biologics", which are developed from living tissues rather than chemicals and are being used to treat illnesses such as cancer and diabetes.

Lobbyists for the industry

say the measure, already part of US law, would encourage further research and development by enabling drug firms to recover their investments.

Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam -- which together make up 40 percent of the global economy -- are currently part of the talks, but the TPP is open to other countries joining in the future.

President Barack Obama has portrayed the TPP as the economic centrepiece of renewed US engagement in Asia, which also involves a shift in its defence posture in favour of the Pacific theatre.

MSF said the data protection period will prevent drug regulatory agencies in TPP signa-

tory countries from referencing data needed to approve lower-cost generic versions of a protected drug, delaying competition that would lead to cheaper prices.

The World Health Organization says about one-third of the developing world's people do not have access to essential medicines on a regular basis.

Generic drugs manufactured by local firms in developing countries have become popular alternatives to branded pharmaceuticals from the West.

International charity Oxfam said developing countries negotiating the TPP, or joining it in the future, will be the most affected.

He urged the US to "reconsider this approach because it undermines the sustainability of public health-care pro-

grammes and discredits trade itself as a tool for poverty reduction".

Global advocacy group Avaaz said a poll it commissioned showed 62 percent of Americans, 63 percent of Australians, 70 percent of New Zealanders, and of 75 percent Chileans opposed limiting access to generic medicines through the patent proposal.

But the lobby group Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) said it was necessary for companies to recover investments and conduct further research into new cures.

It also said data protection should start from the time the new medicine is approved by regulators for release into the market.

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## Azerbaijan jails 10 over Eurovision plot

BAKU (AFP) - A court in Azerbaijan on Monday jailed another 10 people on charges of plotting attacks during the Eurovision Song Contest hosted last year by the ex-Soviet state.

A source at the court for serious crimes in the capital Baku told AFP they were sentenced to jail terms of three to 10 years.

The verdict brings to at least 46 the number of people convicted on charges of planning attacks during the Eurovision pop extravaganza, which Azerbaijan hosted in May 2012.

The security ministry in the tightly controlled Caspian Sea country claimed to have foiled a bid to stage attacks during the glitzy songfest and arrested some 40 suspects.

The ministry said at the time that the group had links with neighbouring Iran and was planning attacks on the concert hall where Eurovision was held.



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## Ateliers '89 presents the results of their latest workshops "Straight Horizons"

ORANJESTAD - Ateliers '89, Aruba's center for contemporary art workshops, was proud to host Dutch graphic artists Joris Kritis and filmmaker Vava Stojadovic over the month of November. They conducted workshops in Graphic Art and Video, and the student's work was displayed to the public on Wednesday evening, December 4, in a show titled "Straight Horizons."

Joris Kritis has several notable clients, and works from his Arnheim studio with fellow artists Julie Peeters. From 2009 through 2011 he was the designer and image editor for the Dutch art magazine Metropolis M. During his one-month workshop on Aruba he taught typography, image manipulation, sequencing, and materiality. The lessons included a concise introduction to the history of graphic design, from a personal and contemporary viewpoint.

Vava Stojadovic worked with his aspiring young filmmakers on developing concepts, understanding cinematic techniques and production, and finally, editing their work. A series of short videos were shown, opening the evening of the exhibition.



Joris Kritis, Elvis Lopez and Vava Stojadivanic

"The work of the graphics class will be on display in the main Ateliers '89 gallery over the coming months. The participants of the workshop were given a dozen templates, which they had to collectively show the various aspects of what constitutes Aruba, creating a portrait of the island. The video workshop also followed this guidelines, with the short films presenting very personal impressions of the filmmaker's environment."

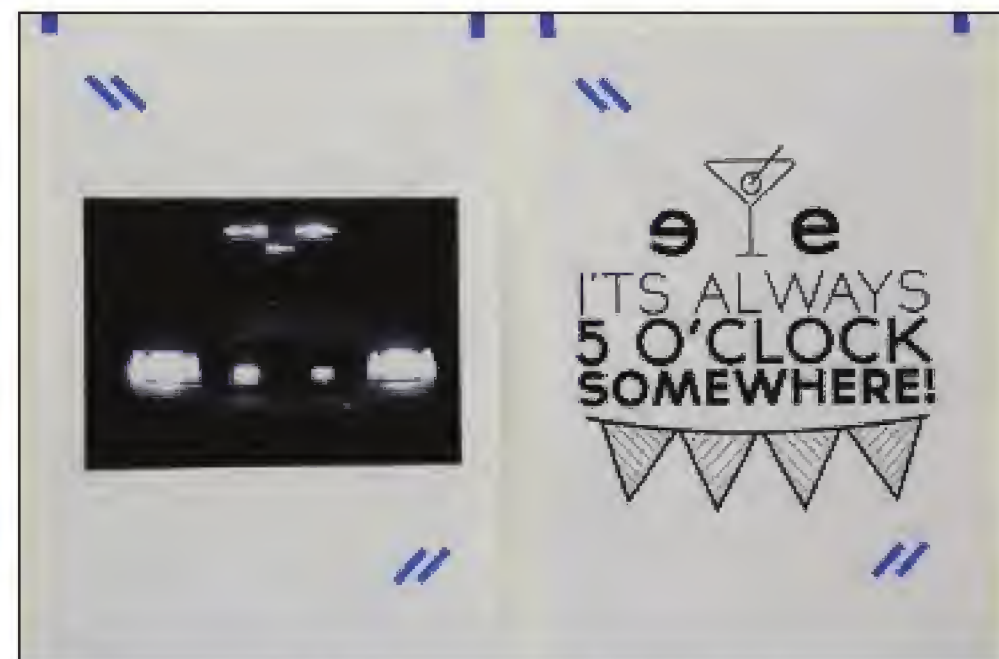
The results of the graphic workshop "show different approaches and styles, ranging from the political to the obscure, the whimsical and mischievous," remarked Joris Kritis.

Works on display in the main gallery are by Valentina

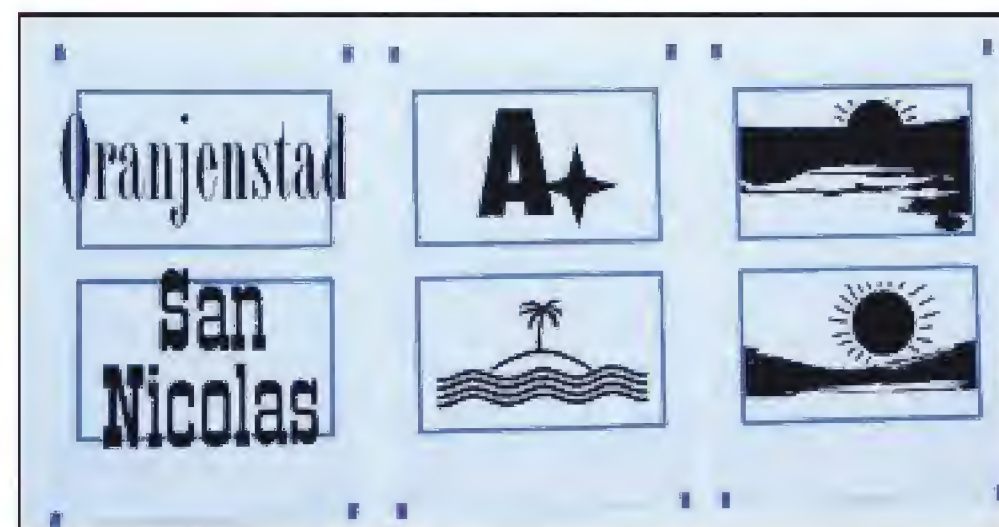
Angela, Nicolas Amundaray, Raoul Croes, Roderick Dammers, Denzel Marchena and Jeff Romero. The student filmmakers were Sergio de Cuba, Laura Koolman, Shaina Winterdaal, Willy Richardson, Susej Verde, Angel Marquez and Albert Rey.

Mr. Stojadovic and Kritis were highly complimentary of the attitude, creativity and productivity of their students, and their Aruba experience as a whole. "We leave here with many new friends, whom we hope to stay in touch with," they told the audience for the opening event.

Ateliers '89 was founded and is maintained by island artist Elvis Lopez, with the express purpose of stimulating interest in culture and the arts



results of the graphic workshop



in island youth. Workshops are conducted in every aspect of the arts, visual, performing and literary, with guest recognized guest instructors from around the world and Aruba. The school and gallery is located in the heart of Oranjestad at

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## US, Britain 'spying on virtual world': report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US and British intelligence have been spying on the global on-line gaming world because they fear terrorists could use the hugely popular platform to plot attacks, a report said Monday.

Spies have created characters in the fantasy worlds of Second Life and World of Warcraft to carry out surveillance, recruit informers and collect data, The New York Times said, citing newly disclosed classified documents from fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden.

The report came as eight leading US-based technology companies called on Washington to overhaul its surveillance laws following months of revelations of online eavesdropping from the former National Security Agency (NSA) contractor.

"Fearing that terrorist or criminal networks could use the games to communicate secretly, move money or plot attacks, the documents show, intelligence operatives have entered terrain populated by digital avatars that include elves, gnomes and supermodels," the Times said.

The report cited a 2008 NSA paper that warned that the virtual games -- played by millions of people the world over -- allowed intelligence suspects "a way to hide in plain sight."



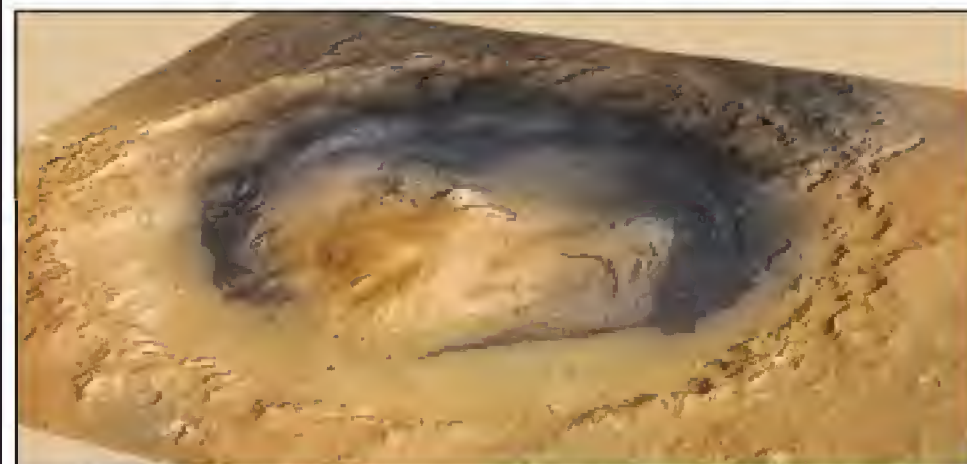
The documents do not give any examples of success from the initiative, the report said, adding that experts and former intelligence officials said "that they knew of little evidence that terrorist groups viewed the games as havens to communicate and plot operations."

The surveillance, which also included Microsoft's

Xbox Live, could raise privacy concerns, noted the newspaper.

Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Twitter, Yahoo, AOL and LinkedIn meanwhile wrote an open letter to President Barack Obama and the US Congress calling on Washington to lead the way in a worldwide reform of state-sponsored spying.

## NASA rover finds remnants of freshwater lake on Mars

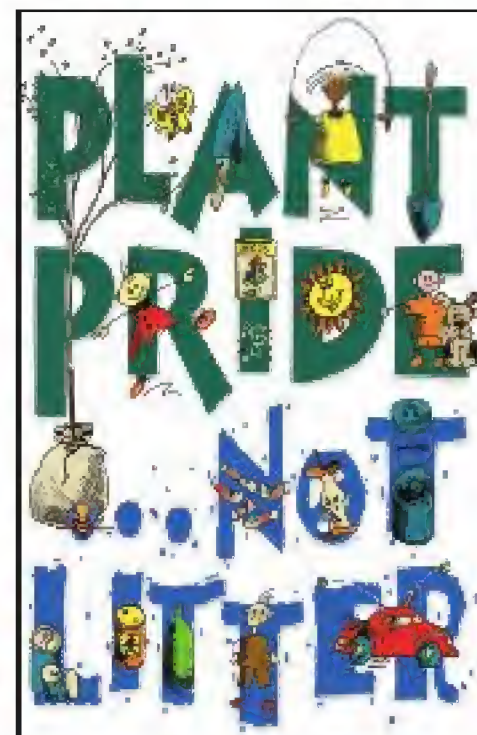


WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US space agency rover tooling around on the dry surface of Mars has for the first time uncovered direct evidence of what used to be a freshwater lake, scientists said Monday. There is no water left in it, but drill tests and chemical analysis of fine-grained rocks by the Curiosity robot's science tools suggest conditions were right for the lake to have once supported microbial life, perhaps 3.6 billion years ago. The rocks contained signs of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, and "would provide perfect conditions for simple microbial life," said the report in the journal Science. Small bacterial life forms known as chemolithoautotrophs are known to thrive under similar conditions on Earth, and are typically found in caves and under the sea in hydrothermal vents.

## Facebook new 'Sympathize' button on it's way?



WASHINGTON - According to Huffington Post Facebookers may soon be getting a second button to expand their palette a bit. No, Facebook has not finally broken down and decided to realize the widely-desired "Dislike." Instead, an engineer at the company has let loose the fact that a "Sympathize" button could be on the way for the next redesign of the social networking site. The "Sympathize" button was recently described by Facebook engineer Dan Muriello -- though Muriello said a colleague had come up with the idea -- at what Facebook calls Compassion Research Day. And while the "Sympathize" button was the perfect kind of thematic fodder for a day of lectures based on compassionate human behavior, Muriello said that Facebook had decided that it isn't the right time yet to launch such a feature.







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# New American Airlines emerges as world's top carrier

WASHINGTON (AFP) - American Airlines emerged as the world's largest airline Monday, combining with US Airways after a hard-fought battle to overcome US competition concerns.

AMR Corporation, the parent of American Airlines, and US Airways Group announced they had completed the deal after AMR emerged from bankruptcy protection.

Roger Holmin, head of the Association of Flight Attendants unit at US Airways, said: "We proudly stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our new American flying partners and we cheer the end of the American bankruptcy."

Shares in American Airlines Group, trading under the ticker symbol AAL, debuted on the Nasdaq exchange at \$23.95.

The stock advanced to \$24.85 in late-afternoon trade, after hitting a low of \$23.45.

The \$11 billion merger was first announced in February, but was held up by an antitrust lawsuit from the US government and backed by several states, worried about the combined airline's potential monopoly power.

The lawsuit argued that the tie-up would mean four airlines -- which it said have a history

of "tacit coordination" instead of competition -- would control more than 80 percent of the US commercial air travel market.

US Airways and American alone compete directly on more than 1,000 routes, it argued.

## Dutch Central bank sees 0.5% growth in 2014, spending power to rise in 2015

THE HAGUE - The Dutch economy will return to modest growth of 0.5% next year after contracting 1% in 2013, the Dutch central bank said on Monday.

Growth will reach 1% by 2015, when employment will also rise for the first time since 2011, the bank said in its latest half-yearly statement.

In addition, after seven years of declining spending power, people will have 'significantly more' disposable income in 2015, the central bank said.

The recovery will remain modest because households, banks, pension funds and the government are all giving priority to improving their own finances. This process has not been completed and is currently putting a brake on domestic consumption, the bank says.

# Swiss banks hit deadline to reveal hidden accounts to US authorities

GENEVA (AFP) - Some 300 Swiss banks have until the end of Monday to decide whether to hand over records to Washington, in a bid to skirt US legal action for assisting American tax dodgers.

"I can confirm that the deadline is this evening, at the end of the business day," a spokesman for Swiss financial market regulator FINMA, told AFP, refusing to say how many banks had already signed up to take part in the programme.

Washington alleges that Swiss banks have helped US citizens hide billions of dollars in assets from tax authorities.



Washington, made a last minute appeal Monday to the banks, urging them to join the programme.

Swiss experts meanwhile disagree on how the banks should act.

Geneva University law professor Xavier Oberson said the banks would be better off falling into line, while business lawyer Douglas Hornung advised against that in a recent opinion piece in the Le Temps daily.

"If the United States is threatening all the Swiss banks that it will block their access to the US market and to conducting operations in dollars, let it say so clearly, and let Switzerland take the country before ... the World Trade Organization for abusing its dominant position," he wrote.

"But please, don't give in to inexcusable blackmail and let us remain the proud masters of our destiny, and of our past. We have a choice," he added.

A major tax case launched by US authorities against Switzerland's oldest bank Wegelin & Co. forced the institution to close.

The bank, which was founded in 1741, pleaded guilty to helping Americans hide funds in secret accounts. It was fined a total of \$57.8 million (44 million euros) for helping wealthy individuals avoid at least \$20 million in taxes.

The deal with US authorities pierces the tradition of secrecy upon which the Swiss banking industry was built, and the country has also signed up to international agreements that will weaken it further.

in a row that has soured ties between the two in recent years.

Under a deal recently reached between Bern and Washington to end the dispute, Swiss banks can avoid US prosecution by voluntarily handing over information on American clients, as well as by paying a fine.

The penalty would be equivalent to between 20 and 50 percent of the value of undeclared accounts, depending on when they were opened.

Banks that opened undeclared accounts for US clients before 2009, when Washington fined Switzerland's biggest bank, UBS, \$780 million for complicity in tax evasion, will face lower penalties.

But the penalties would be higher for those that accepted undeclared assets from US clients after that, according to the agreement.

Banks that do not take part in the disclosure programme also risk far stiffer penalties and prosecution in the United States if Washington discovers that they have indeed helped Americans hide assets.

Swiss Finance Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf, who negotiated the deal with

## US snow, ice storm cancels hundreds of flights

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A huge snow and ice storm on Monday forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights and sparked major delays at airports in the northeastern United States and Texas.

In the Washington area, flights in and out of both Reagan National Airport and Dulles international airport were disrupted due to the storm that slammed in the area on Sunday.

Delays at the two airports kept travelers waiting an average of 30-40 minutes, according to real-time tracker FlightAware.com. In New York, travelers at Kennedy airport also were delayed about 30 minutes.

About 80,000 homes in the Washington suburbs in Virginia and Maryland were without power on Monday, according to data provided by local power companies.

Meteorologists said more snow could fall in the area overnight Monday into Tuesday.

In Texas, authorities at Dallas-Fort Worth airport struggled to get operations back on track after a weekend ice storm. The airport authority said some 350 flights were cancelled on Monday.

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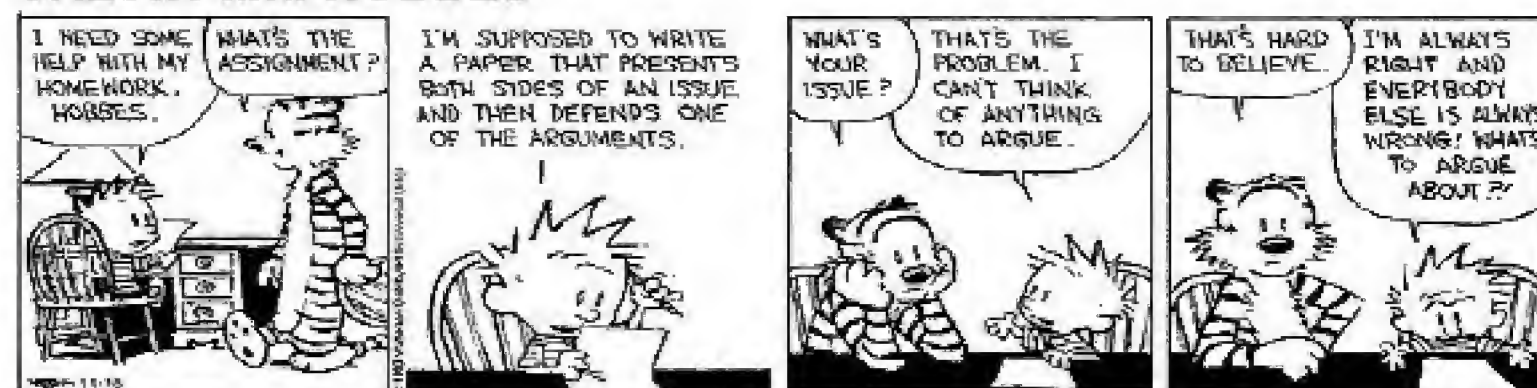
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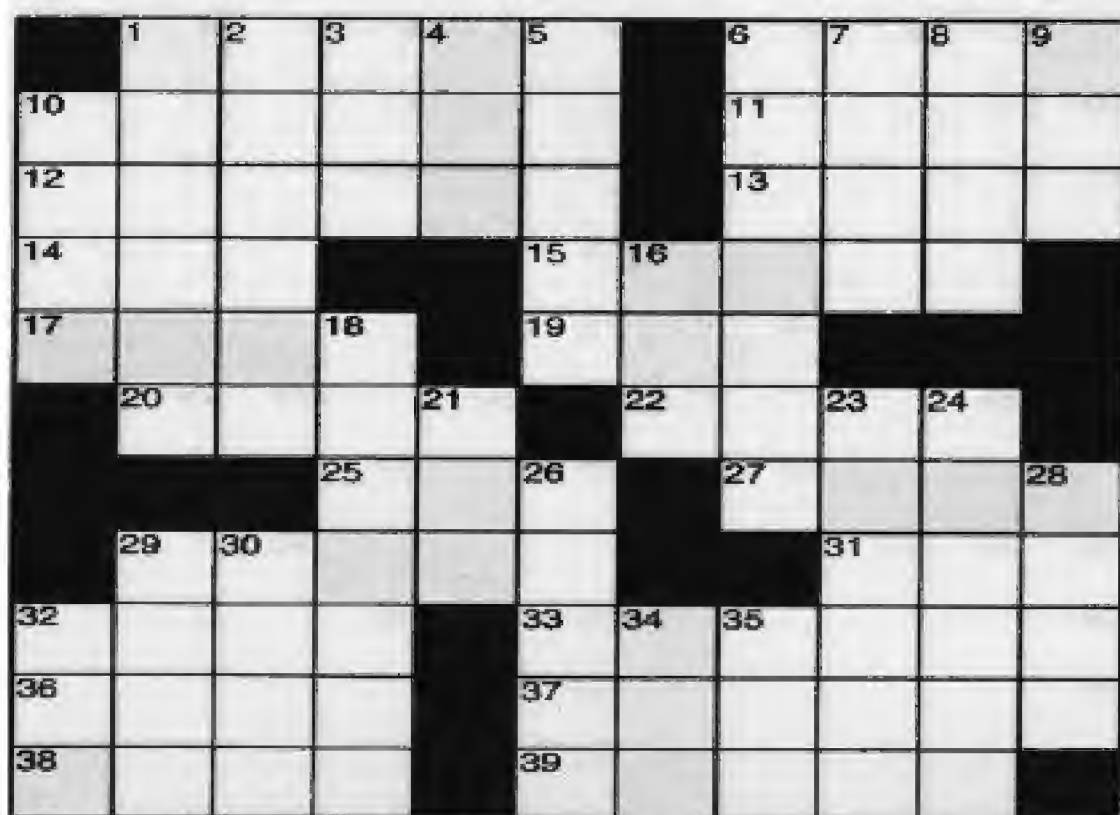
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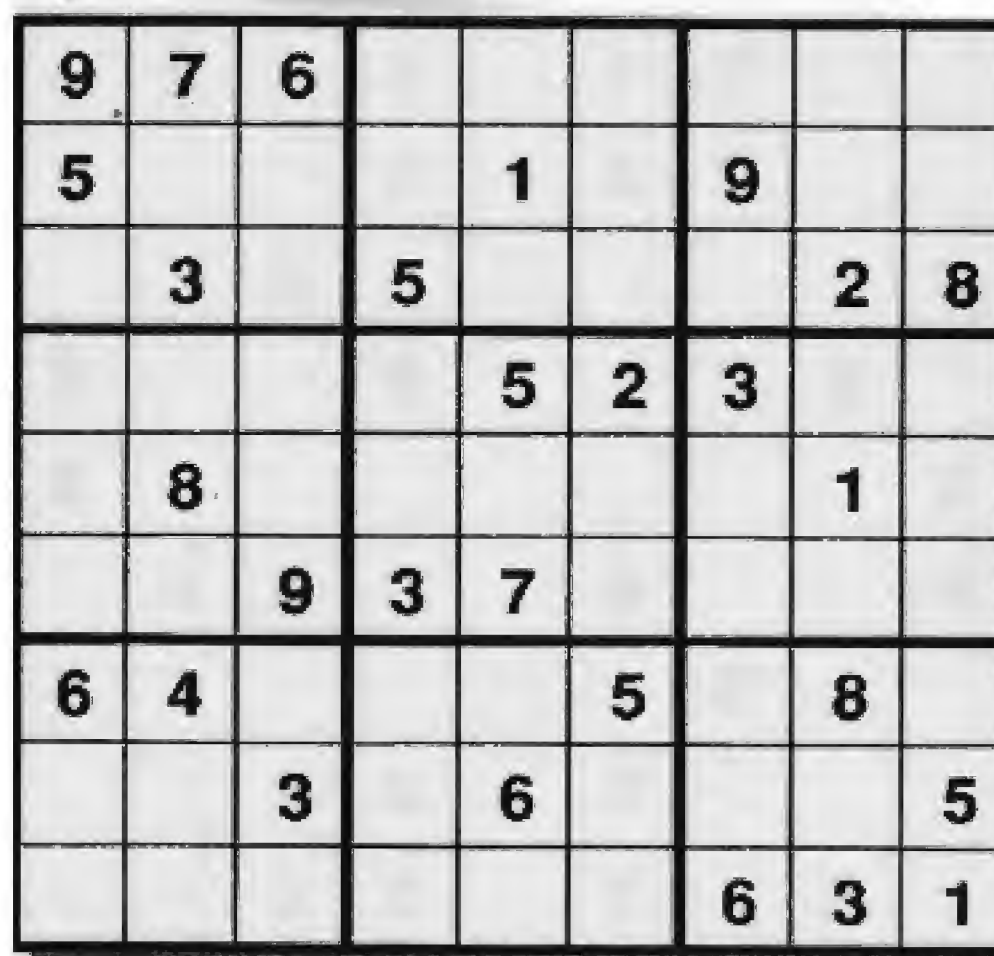
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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



**Delicious Breakfast**

--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on para-

dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

**5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches!** Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



## Sports: World sports leaders meet in Doha

DOHA (AFP) - Sports ministers from all over the world have converged on Doha for the Doha Goals summit which kicked off in the Gulf State on Monday.

The closed-door forum sponsored by the Emir of Qatar has also brought together investors, lobbyists and sports personalities.

The question of finance is now fundamental to sports as Brazilians question the amount being spent on the 2014 World Cup while recent Olympics have proved a major drain on national finances.

"Sport should not be seen as a burden, it's an investment," Congo sports minister Leo-Alfred Opimbat told AFP however as his country prepares to host the 2015 African Games.

The three-day forum will also be the world's leading platform focusing on sport as a force for social and economic change.

The event is being hosted in the Aspire Zone, a huge complex of sports facilities with the most up-to-date technologies.

Wealthy but isolated, Doha has in recent years used sport to spearhead its "soft diplomacy" of investing in European clubs and multiplying bids to host major events.

A nation of just two million people, including 200,000



**Qatar Stars League chief of commercial Abdulrahman al-Dosari, Qatar's Minister of Youth and Sports HE Salah bin Ghanem bin Nasser al-Ali and Doha Goals executive director Sheikh Faisal al-Thani address the press conference after the Sports Ministers Summit here yesterday**

Qataris, Doha will host the 2015 world handball championships and the 2022 football World Cup. They have yet to host an Olympics, failing to even make the short list for the 2016 and 2020 Games.

But their successes have failed to impress everyone with criticism of work conditions in World Cup venues and doubts about Qatar's ability to fill stadia.

"We're going to have sport in empty stadiums, far from the image of the competition that unites the whole country and gets people interested in taking up sports," one European delegate said on condition of anonymity.

The Doha Goals is also part of a Qatari strategy to soften their image.

Three initiatives are to be

formally launched at the forum - the creation of an international sports index on the model of the poverty index, the construction of sports facilities in disadvantaged areas, and production of prosthetics to help disabled children practice sport.

But the outline of these projects is still quite vague, especially the issue of funding.

Money, the lifeblood of sport, is clearly at the heart of debates, with companies and athletes seeking funding.

Such as Greek sailing champion Sophia Bekatorou, a gold medallist in Athens and bronze in Beijing, who is looking for funding for a Masters, in organising sports events, in the historic home of the Olympic movement Ancient Olympia.

## Football: Brazil vows to act after hooliganism outbreak

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil pledged to stamp out stadium violence Monday after hooliganism marred a weekend first division league game, raising fresh doubts about its ability to stage a trouble-free World Cup.

President Dilma Rousseff said Brazil could not and would not tolerate soccer violence after fans of Atletico Paranaense and Vasco Da Gama fought pitched battles in the southern city of Joinville.

Graphic television footage showed hundreds of fans of both sides kicking and punching for several minutes with the game only a few minutes old, forcing the referee to call a halt for an hour as order was belatedly restored.

The violence continued unabated as the hooligans ran amok, clashing in several sections of the stands.

At least three fans were hurt with one, believed to have suffered a fractured skull airlifted

to safety by helicopter.

There was further controversy after police failed to intervene and it later transpired that Atletico had only drafted private security personnel to 'police' a "private event."

Rousseff was energetic in her condemnation. "A footballing country cannot live with violence in its stadiums. This violence goes against all that we associate with football," the president said.

Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo also condemned the violence and vowed that his ministry would be asking why military police had not been on hand.

Brazilian media expressed consternation at an admission by state authorities that security inside the ground was left in the hands of private security with state police only on duty outside.

The violence was the last thing Brazil needed as it struggles to prepare the 12 host venues for the World Cup with at least three stadiums still running behind schedule, including Sao Paulo, slated to host the opening match on June 12.

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## BRIEFS:



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Kobe Bryant's made his much-anticipated season debut Sunday, finishing with nine points in his first game in eight months after undergoing surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon. Bryant also had eight rebounds and four assists as the Los Angeles Lakers lost 106-94 to the Toronto Raptors on Sunday. Bryant played good defence at times but also tossed up some air balls and committed a game-high eight turnovers in front of a crowd of 18,997 at Staples Center arena. Bryant admitted he was rusty but said "it felt good to be back out there."



THE HAGUE - The Dutch women's hockey team have won the Hockey World League final in Argentina, beating Australia 5-1. Oranje, who are also reigning Olympic champions, are now favourites to win the World Cup, which takes place in The Hague next June. Three of the team's long-standing players - Naomi van As, Eva de Goede and Kim Lammers - are still out through injury.



AUBURN HILLS - LeBron James and Miami breezed through one big rematch. James had 24 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, and Miami routed Detroit 110-95 on Sunday, avenging a home loss to the Pistons less than a week ago. Up next for the Heat is a game at Indiana on Tuesday. The Pacers have the NBA's best record - and this will be the first meeting

between the teams since Miami's seven-game victory in last season's playoffs.

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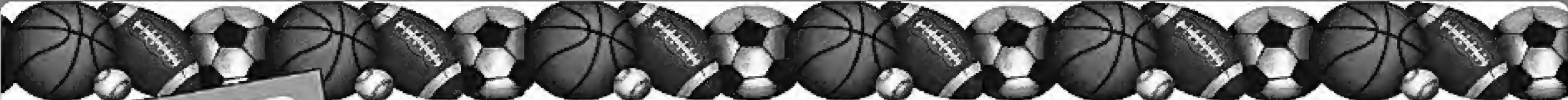
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## Four nominees for Taekwondo athletes of the year 2013!

ORANJESTAD - This Saturday, 14th of December the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation will hold their Christmas dinner.

On this special day the popular Taekwondo sport club will announce their athlete of the year.

There are four athletes nominated for the prestigious title of "athlete of the year 2013." These are: Jendrique Gumbs, Rasheed Lowe, Jourde Klaber and Hakeem Lowe.

One of the four nominees, who represented Aruba so well and always brought back excellent prizes, will be the athlete of the year.

The Foundation's plans for 2014 are to cross the Atlantic Ocean. We can expect much more from the Team of Train

from left to right: Jourde Klaber, Hakeem Lowe, Jendrique Gumbs and Rasheed Lowe while receiving their medal in Mexico

Hard Fight Smart during the year 2014.

The morning news would like to congratulate the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation for

such a successful year and wish them all the best in the new year coming.

*Pabien Guys.*

## Messi, Ribery and Ronaldo shortlisted for Ballon d'Or

PARIS (AFP) - Lionel Messi, Franck Ribery and Cristiano Ronaldo were on Monday shortlisted for this year's Ballon d'Or, football's world governing body FIFA and sponsors France Football magazine said. Barcelona forward Messi has already won the title four times but seems less of a hot favourite this year after an injury-hit season. French winger Ribery was part of a Bayern Munich team that claimed an unprecedented treble of Champions League, German title and German Cup, as well as the European Supercup. Real Madrid's Portugal striker Ronaldo won the 2008 Ballon d'Or and has been tipped to win the award this time around. The Ballon d'Or will be presented in Zurich on January 13.

## Tony La Russa, Joe Torre and Bobby Cox elected to Baseball Hall of Fame

NEW YORK - Tony La Russa, Joe Torre and Bobby Cox were elected Monday by the Hall's expansion era committee. The 16-member group comprised of existing Hall of Famers, major-league executives and writers voted unanimously for all three inductees. La Russa, Torre and Cox each rank among the top five managers of all time in wins. Together, they combined to win 7,558 games, 17 pennants and seven championships. Cox led the Atlanta Braves to 14 consecutive division titles between 1991 and 2005. Appearing at news conference with Torre and La Russa at the winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Cox called them "enemies on the field and friends off the field." Among the notable candidates denied induction were former players union chief Marvin Miller and former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. Both received six or fewer votes, falling well short of the 12 needed for induction. The expansion era committee considers candidates whose greatest contributions came after 1972 are no longer eligible for election by the Baseball Writers Association of America. It meets once every three years, meaning the next will be in 2016. La Torre, Torre and Cox will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 27, 2014, along with any players elected by the BBWAA. The results of the BBWAA vote will be announced on Jan. 8.

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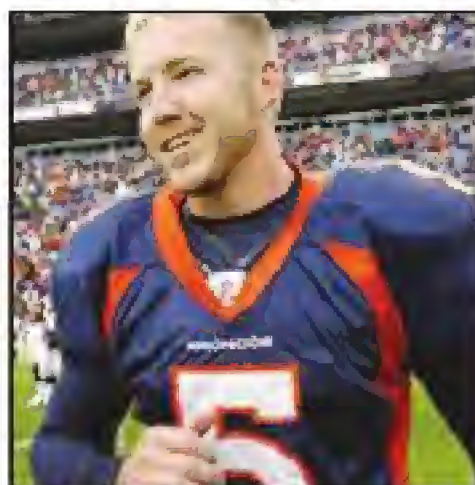
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## NFL: Prater boots record 64-yard field goal



DENVER (AFP) - Denver Broncos Matt Prater kicked a record 64-yard field goal on the final play of the first half of an National Football League game against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

The goal kick broke the previous record of 63 yards shared by Tom Dempsey (1970), Jason Elam (1998), Sebastian Janikowski (2011) and David Akers (2011).

Prater, 29, had a previous career best of 59 yards.

Janikowski missed on a 64-yard attempt in 2007. He also attempted a 76 yarder a year later.

This marked the 20th kick of at least 50 yards for Prater who has attempted 26 field goals from 50 yards or longer.

Quarterback Peyton Manning completed a seven yard pass to tight end Jacob Tamme with three seconds left in the half, setting the stage for Prater's historic kick. The Broncos went on to win 51-28.

After going undrafted in 2006, Prater was signed by the Detroit Lions but failed to make the team. He then signed with the Atlanta Falcons, making his NFL debut a year later.

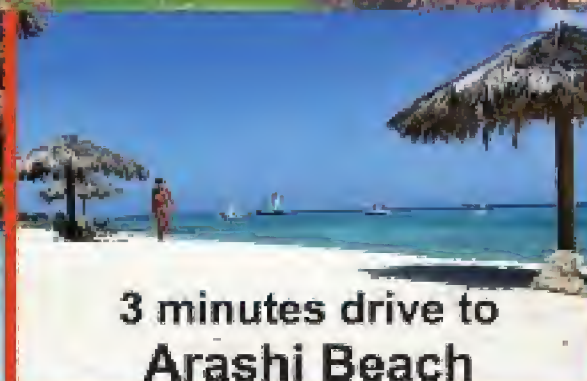
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## Jennifer Piter wins gold in Puerto Rico

ORANJESTAD - In two months time Aruban athlete Jennifer Piter achieves no less than five gold medals on two international tournaments of the heavy weight sport.

The first two medals was won during the 3rd Copa Santo Domingo International held in Santo Domingo.

Only just days ago Jennifer wins still another three gold medals in the Copa Criollo Internacional de Levantamiento de Pesas held in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico.

In Puerto Rico Jennifer competed against strong ath-



letes from Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. Jennifer's success is due to her

excellent preparation here at home by the Aruba Amateur Weightlifting Association.

The local weightlifting asso-



ciation is also especially pleased with Jennifer's excep-

tional performance.

*Pabien Jennifer.*